



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR SMART CARD PERSONALIZATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 3, in the heading, "Related Application", replace "Application" with --Applications--.

On page 1, line 4, before "non-provisional", insert --continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/755,459, filed on November 22, 1996, which in turn is a--.

On page 1, line 5, after "April 15, 1996", insert --, both of which are incorporated herein by reference --.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-24 and add the following new claims:

25. [New] A method for issuing portable programmed data carriers comprising:
- acquiring personalization data for a cardholder and equipment characteristic data;
  - executing an external process specified by a card issuer; and
  - transferring the personalization data to personalization equipment as specified by the equipment characteristic data and the external process to issue the data carrier.